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3.1 Scope

- 3.1.1 Laboratory Orientation (approximately 20 hours)
- 3.1.2 History of Questioned Document Examination (approximately 44 hours)
- 3.1.3 Evidence Handling Procedures (approximately 14 hours)
- 3.1.4 Examination (approximately 2 hours)

3.2 Objective

To provide an overview of the history of Questioned Document Examination, and in the operation and mission of the Division of Forensic Science

3.3 Methods of Instruction

Primarily self-directed with some lecture and demonstration

3.4 References

- Harrison, W.R., <u>Suspect Documents</u>, Frederick A. Praeger, NY, 1958, Chapters 3,5
- Osborn, A.S., The Problem of Proof, The Essex Press, NJ, 1926, Chapters 1, 5, 19,29
- Osborn, A.S. & A.D., <u>Questioned Document Problems</u>, Boyd Printing Co., Albany, NY, 2nd Edition, 1946, Chapters 1, 2, 14, 23-27, 31, and 38-41
- Osborn, A.S., Questioned Documents, Boyd Printing Co., Albany, NY, 2nd Edition, 1929, Chapters 1-3
- Conway, James V.P., Evidential Documents, Charles C. Thomas Publisher, 1959, pp 1-11, 205-233
- Baker, J. Newton, Law of Disputed and Forged Documents, The Michie Co., Charlottesville, VA, 1955, Chap 1
- Hilton, O., Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents, Revised Edition, Elsevier, 1982, Chapters 1,2
- DFS Quality Manual, Section 2
- Articles and technical papers (as assigned)

3.5 Standards

- 3.5.1 Student must be able to explain the mission of the DFS, and the function of the Questioned Document Section in support of that mission.
- 3.5.2 Student must be able to explain the modern history of forensic document examination and the significance of document examination in criminal and civil litigation.
- 3.5.3 Student must be able to explain the basic procedures for handling documentary evidence.

3.6 Verification

- 3.6.1 Student must complete a written test with a minimum score of 80.
- 3.6.2 Student will have 80 hours to complete Course A.